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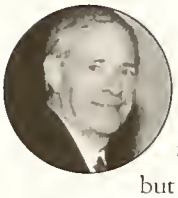
Presidents' Letters



I am appreciative of this opportunity to say farewell to our alumni and college community. The past ten years have passed quickly, but stand as a significant decade in my life. I leave the presidency of The New England College of Optometry with the richness of new friends, close colleagues, and the knowledge that my accomplishments were largely due to a competent and supportive staff and faculty. The presidency was at first seen by me as an opportunity to direct important and deliberate change at this College. Later I realized it was a special gift that gave back the opportunity for personal and professional growth that otherwise may never have occurred. My sincere thanks to all who provided counsel, support, and friendship during these years.

The College stands at the door of the next century, prepared to be a world leader in optometric education. As supporters of the College, we are all stewards of the solemn responsibilities of preparing students for entry into the profession of optometry, contributing to the advancement of the profession so that those who follow will have a vantage point better than ours, and continuing the legacy of this great institution which has given so much to our own lives.

It is not easy to say farewell, but it is necessary to do so. The time is right for me to confront new challenges, to begin the new chapter in my career. The time is also right for new leadership to reset the course for this College and to lead it into the twenty-first century.

Best wishes to all.

Larry R. Clausen
President

Dr. Clausen begins his tenure at Pacific University as Vice President of Academic Affairs this fall.

There will be many reflections as the millennium approaches – ours is bittersweet as we bid farewell to Dr. **Larry Clausen**. During Larry's watch the College has fast approached becoming a world class institution.

Larry's optimism has been infectious. He has a knack for empowering individuals and allowing them to accomplish and take ownership of undertakings that would not have been predicted. What I perhaps admire the most, is that he knew when to step down and make room for a new vision. He has accomplished most of the goals that were set out, and now the mantle has been passed to Dr. **Alan Lewis** '65, an alumnus who knew the College during much different times.

It is not an overstatement to call the remodeling of Beacon Street breathtaking. This metamorphosis is not just cosmetic, it houses research labs, teaching labs, and classrooms that accommodate the latest in technology. The decade long "big dig" created the infrastructure to establish the College as the seminal research institute and expand its programs.

The 90's saw a feminization of the College (and the profession), emphasized by the incoming class being nearly 70% female. This past year we welcomed our second tenured woman to the faculty, Dr. **Jane Gwiazda**, a vision scientist and Project Chair of the COMET program. She joins Dr. **Nancy Carlson** '77, who has long taught Clinical Theory and Methods to incoming freshman.

The next decade should find the College continuing to foster an environment that challenges the intellectual growth and scholarly development of future optometrists. As an alumnae, I applaud the developments at our alma mater in the 1990's and welcome the opportunity to participate in the vision for the next century with President Lewis.

I look forward to seeing many of you over alumni weekend (October 15-17). The CE will concentrate on glaucoma with top notch lecturers. The Saturday night buffet will include a tribute to Dr. **Jack Asarkof**, a beloved teacher, we hope most of his VA residents will be able to attend.

Lynn Wittman '76
President, Alumni Association

College News

Alan Laird Lewis '65 Named as the College's Fifth President

Alan Laird Lews '65

Alan Laird Lewis, O.D., Ph.D. has been named the fifth president of The New England College of Optometry. The announcement was made by Trustee and Chairman of the Search Committee, **Lester M. Brackley** '68, O.D., and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, **Norman C. Spector**, Esq. The selection follows a six-month national search for a successor to **Larry R. Clausen**, O.D., Ed.D., who announced in December 1998 he was stepping down.

Dr. Lewis is presently Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University where he has served for eight years. From 1972 through 1991, Dr. Lewis held a variety of teaching, administrative, clinical, and research positions at the State University of New York College of Optometry. He also served on the faculties of the New School for Social Research and Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Lewis attended Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin, and received his Doctor of Optometry degree from The New England College of Optometry. He received his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University in Physiological Optics. He was president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry during the 1998-1999 year, and has been active in a number of other national optometric and engineering professional societies. He has authored over 40 publications and is a fellow of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. Dr. Lewis maintains a clinical practice, for several hours each week. He is an avid sailor, having served in the United States Navy, and having enjoyed the sport on Lake Michigan.

Board of Trustees Update

The College is pleased to announce that **Norman C. Spector**, Esq., has been elected as Chairman of Board of Trustees and **Ronald Ferrucci** '74, has been elected Vice Chair. New officers include **Christine Manfredi**, CPA, as Treasurer, and **Frank DiMella**, A.I.A., as Secretary. **Brian Klinger**, O.D. has joined the Board as a Regional Trustee from the state of New Hampshire. **Joseph Bickford** '65, has been appointed to the Executive Committee and **Richard Laudon** '75, will serve as the Faculty Representative and **Baseem Wahab** will serve as the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Chairman **Norman C. Spector**, Esq. is a partner in the law firm of Burns & Levinson of Boston. He has been legal counsel to the College for more than 20 years, a Corporator since 1986 and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1997. He received a B.A. from Case Western Reserve University and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School. Mr. Spector has been with Burns & Levinson since 1969 and is chairman of his law firm's corporate practice group, and co-chair of its finance group. He practices in the areas of commercial loan transactions and in the general representation of privately held business enterprises. He maintains an active healthcare practice.

Vice Chairman **Ronald R. Ferrucci**, O.D., is an optometrist in private practice in Milford, Massachusetts, who was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1997. He graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in Biology and received his Doctor of Optometry degree from the College in 1974. He is an active member of the American Optometric Association, serves as a consultant to the AOA's Council on Optometric Education, and is a past president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. He was a leader in promoting passage of TPA legislation in Massachusetts, was named New England Optometrist of the Year in 1993 by the New England Council of Optometrists, and Alumnus of the Year in 1996 by the College's Alumni Association.

Regional Trustee **Brian S. Klinger**, O.D., F.A.A.O. has been in private practice in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, since 1966. He graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree and in 1966 with an O.D. degree. He is a Diplomate of the NBEO and a Fellow of the AAO. He is past president of the New England Council of Optometrists and the New Hampshire Optometric Association (now serving as its executive director since 1995). He has also served as trustee and secretary-treasurer of the American Optometric Association.

International

Bottom row (l-r): Dr. Anthony Adams, Dr. Brian Levy, Dr. Lu Fan, Dr. Chu Renyuan. Middle row (l-r): Dr. Jerald Strickland, Dr. Qu Jia, Dr. David Heath. Top row (l-r): Dr. Yan Mi, Dr. Ge Jian, Dr. Zhao Kanxing

CORD Update

The China Optometry Resource Development Project (CORD) has successfully completed its first year of the project. In July, the College hosted the second formal meeting of the Strategic Alliance Planning Committee. Much was accomplished during this first year. Most exciting are the curriculum materials which the scholars in the program have developed during their time at The New England College of Optometry, the University of Houston College of Optometry, and University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry. Other instructors within the Chinese consortium can now utilize these materials in teaching their own classes.

Members of the Steering Committee are: Dr. **David Heath** '83 (Co-chairman), The New England College of Optometry; Dr. Qu Jia (Co-chairman), National Optometry Research Center and the Ministry of Public Health, PRC; Dr. Jerald Strickland, University of Houston; Dr. Anthony Adams, University of California-Berkeley; Dr. Chu Renyuan, Shanghai Medical University; Dr. Ge Jian, Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences; Dr. Lu Fan, Wenzhou Medical College; Dr. Yan Mi, West China University of Medical Sciences; Dr. Zhao Kanxing, Tianjin University of Medical Science; and Dr. Brian Levy, Bausch & Lomb (Corporate member).

Dr. David A. Heath, Dean of Academic Affairs, will be the Keynote Speaker at the China Optometric Association meeting in Wenzhou, China, November 20-22, 1999. This meeting is the first meeting for the newly formed organization and represents the growing maturation of the optometric profession in the world's most populated country. Dr. Heath will present a talk entitled, "Optometry Education in China: Local Needs - Global Interests".

Degrees Awarded In Spain

On May 1, Drs. **Larry Clausen** and **Clifford Scott** '68, attended commencement exercises in Madrid, Spain. Graduating were the first class in the Bachelor's of Science in Optometry degree program in Spain. The Bachelor's was given in conjunction with the Centro Boston de Optometria y Oftalmologia, directed by Dr. **Fernando Hidalgo Santa Cruz** '87. Twenty-six students received their degrees. We expect to offer a similar program in the near future.

A Look Back at the 1990's

As we approach the 21st century, the College is at a crossroad. The 1990's have been a decade of immense growth, and a series of recent changes present the College the opportunity to forge new paths. A look back at the 1990's reveals an academic institution, that through planning and leadership, has aligned its academic and clinical programs with its mission to educate optometrists to the highest level of proficiency, integrity, and professionalism.

The astonishing growth of The New England College of Optometry this past decade is in many ways a testament to the vision and leadership of Dr. **Larry R. Clausen**, who became the College's fourth President in 1990.

Dr. Clausen assumed the role of academic dean in 1982. Within a few short years of joining the College, Dean Clausen's strong leadership brought consensus and stability to the faculty and built a rich and progressive academic program. In 1988, Dean Clausen's skill at recognizing external changes in the profession was apparent when quoted in a *Perspective* article "Optometrists need to be well prepared to establish practice in a variety of settings and participate in a variety of health care delivery structures. We are approaching a time when there will be certification of specialties in the profession". Dean Clausen routinely modified and enhanced the curriculum to better prepare students for future challenges.

In 1989, upon the departure of former President Sylvio Dupuis, Dr. Clausen served as interim president until 1990 when he was named the fourth President of the College.

In 1990, Dr. Clausen's tenure and the decade began with several pressing issues. There was uncertainty regarding whether the College should move to another location, which might better suit its needs. A reduction in federal and state support forced an increasing reliance on student tuition as a source of revenue. The applicant pool to the College and other optometric colleges was declining, while the scope of optometric practitioners was expanding, placing new demands on the academic and clinical programs of the institution.

In 1990 and 1991, Dr. Clausen, in partnership with the Board of Trustees and representatives of the College, laid the foundation for change through a set of planning retreats. The outcome of that planning process provided the College with a renewed sense of vision for the institution and the framework for initiatives for the 1990's. Those initiatives, titled the four Breakthrough Goals were:

- To establish a bioscience research center by the year 2000.
- To increase the unrestricted endowment to $6 million by the year 2001.
- To secure the necessary patient base for the New England Eye Institute.
- To undertake facility improvements to the College's Beacon Street properties by 1995.

"For indeed, true leaders without exception touch the lives of those they know well, and those they do not know at all."

Dr. Larry Clausen

The College was on a new course, committed to establishing a strong intellectual environment and a firm financial foundation for the future. Changes took place swiftly. Under Dr. Clausen's leadership, the College has evolved into a world leader in optometric education.

The Outcome

- Over the course of the decade, the College's endowment grew from $1million to $11 million dollars.
- Research grants to the College during the 1990's totaled approximately $7.5 million. A new bioscience and other research laboratories have been built, staffed, and equipped.
- All of the College's facilities were renovated to meet the evolving needs of the institution in the next century.
- The addition of 34 new clinical affiliations in 12 states, in combination with the newly refurbished facilities, provided expansive clinical educational opportunities for students. There are now 71 clinical options for students.
- The College became the leader in the education of optometrists worldwide with the creation of the Center

for the International Advancement of Optometry. In the coming century, the College will continue to build bridges to other nations.

Memorable Benchmarks

Bioscience

In 1994, the College received $2.3 million dollars in new research grants from the National Eye Institute. This amount exceeds that of all other private colleges of optometry. 1994 also marked the establishment of The Myopia Research Center and the arrival of the Children's Vision Laboratory (from MIT).

Endowment: 2000 In Sight Campaign

In 1994, the College marked its Centennial with a Gala Celebration and embarked on a $10 million dollar capital campaign, *2000 In Sight*. In 1996, the *2000 In Sight* Campaign kicked-off in Rhode Island; in 1997, the campaign went to Maine; and in 1998, the campaign was focused in Massachusetts. The Rhode Island and Maine campaigns total $240,000 in gifts and pledges.

The New England Eye Institute

In 1991, a new director was hired for the Boston Optometric Center to integrate advances of patient care and education. The Boston Optometric Center was renamed the New England Eye Institute (NEEI) in 1993. In 1995, the New England Eye Institute received Boston Magazine's "Best of Boston" Award. In 1996, the New England Eye Institute facilities at 1255 Boylston Street were upgraded. The two-phase project consolidated all patient care and clinical space on the first floor. A newly designed dispensary was relocated for improved visibility from the outside and entrances, and new exam rooms were completed. In 1997, the ocular disease lab and other pre-clinic labs moved to Boylston Street. The Center for Continuing Education is also relocated to NEEI.

Facility Improvements to Beacon Street Properties

In 1991, the first phase of comprehensive renovations began on 424 Beacon Street to modernize the facility. New classrooms, pre-clinic areas, research laboratories, a bioscience laboratory, offices, and a second floor conference room were built. That first phase was completed in 1993. In 1996, The Massachusetts Historical Commission presented the College with the 1996 Preservation Award for demonstrating outstanding commitment to preservation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The second phase of the Beacon Street renovation project that combined four of the six Beacon Street properties took place in 1998. The project added an entire new structure to house the library to the rear of 418 Beacon Street (Sears residence), created new work space, a new dining facility, an alumni courtyard, and would restored the Sears residence to its turn-of-the-century elegance.

In late fall of 1998, the renovations and construction were completed. The project transforms the College's Beacon Street Campus into a state-of-the-art educational facility. The new library houses a computer center, circulation desk, reference areas, and a historical collection room. The restorative work is recognized in 1999, when the College is given the prestigious "Preservation Award" from the Victorian Society of America's New England Chapter for restoration of the Sears Townhouse Interiors.

The New England College of Optometry: A Leader in Worldwide Education

In 1994, the Board of Trustees endorsed the creation of the Center for the International Advancement of Optometry. The Center coordinates all of the College's growing number of international programs and advances them in a sound and strategic manner. This marked the inclusion of the College's commitment to international programs as part of the College's mission.

Throughout the 1990's, the Center delivered programs to more than 1,000 students and provided support in 20 countries worldwide. The four major programs the Center coordinated during this period were the Advanced Standing International Program in Italy, the China Optometry Resource Development Project (CORD), the Bachelor of Science program in Spain, and the Certificate of Advanced Study Program in South Africa. The Center also coordinated faculty exchange programs to the following countries: Israel, Argentina, Mexico, South Africa, India, and Ireland.

Italy (1992 -1997)	The Advanced Standing International O.D. Degree
China (1992-present)	The China Optometry Resource Development Project (CORD)
Spain (1997-1998)	The Bachelor of Science in Optometry Degree Program
South Africa (1994-present)	Certificate of Advanced Standing Program

In addition to programs for foreign-educated optometrists, the College has endeavored to attract international students into its traditional program, as well as its accelerated program for Ph.D.'s. In 1999, the College enrolls more foreign students than any other college of optometry in the United States, with the largest percent enrolling from Canada.

For more information on the Center for the International Advancement of Optometry or a brochure, contact Ms. Susan Ryan at 617/236-6260 or e-mail her at ryans@ne-optometry.edu.

Other Achievements

In 1991, the College hires its first director of recruitment and develops an alumni outreach program for new applicants. In 1992-1993, the number of applications is greater than any since 1979, with 435 applicants for 100 positions. Since 1991 the increase has been dramatic. In 1999, 711 applicants applied for 104 positions.

In the early 1990's, the College heightened its development of optometric educational programs in countries outside of the United States. Programs were developed in Italy, Spain, France, China, and South Africa (for more detail see sidebar above). In 1994, The Center for the International Advancement of Optometry was established. The College becomes the first United States optometric institution to deliver the Doctor of Optometry degree outside of the U.S.

In 1993, the Alumni Association merged with the College. The Association having previously been an independent enterprise. Working with members of the Association, the Board of Trustees established an alumni association endowed scholarship fund and a full-time position was created for a Director of Alumni Affairs. In 1995, the first alumni and continuing education weekend was held, that program is in its fifth year.

Although these achievements could not have taken place without the commitment of the greater College community, the enormous scope of the changes that have taken place is a direct reflection of Dr. Larry R. Clausen's ability to lead and pioneer new paths toward academic excellence.

A College Farewell

Graduates and faculty of the Collegio di Optometira, Italy send Dr. Clausen a priceless etching of the coliseum in appreciation of his work over the years.

Student Council President Baseem Wahab, ODIII presented Dr. Clausen with a blue inscribed ceramic piggy bank in recognition of his "commitment".

Dr. Ronald Ferrucci, John Tynan and Larry Clausen.

The Clausen Era: 1982 – 1999

On Saturday, July 17, a reception was held at the College to bid farewell to Dr. Larry and Dee Clausen. More than 100 alumni and friends gathered for the evening of tribute to the Clausens.

Trustee, **Ronald Ferrucci** '74, hosted the evening's program that included speakers from all segments of the College community. Drs. **Heath** '83, **Neylon**, **Wittman** '76, **Cliff Scott** '68, and Norman Haffner, President of SUNY (Opt), all shared their experience working with Dr. Clausen and spoke of his many accomplishments over the past 17 years as President and Dean.

"Larry Clausen was a true initiator and innovator."
Martin Wall, ASCO

"Dr. Clausen took the time to talk to me and most definitely enhanced my ability to better understand optometry."
Luis Perez '92, O.D.

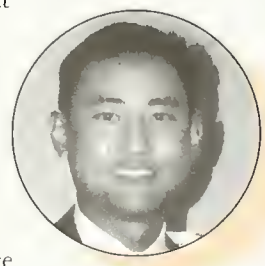
Guests extended their appreciation to the Clausens with gifts commemorating the many years of service. The announcement of the establishment of the Larry R. and Deirdre J. Clausen Scholarship was made by Dr. **Hyman Kamens** '47. The scholarship will support outstanding international scholars attending The New England College of Optometry. Trustee, **Joseph Bickford** '65 presented Dr. Clausen with the College gift, a framed photograph showing the beautifully restored wall paper, woodwork, and glass dome of the former Sears residence. The evening concluded with the dedication of the Larry R. Clausen Meeting Room by Chairman, **Norman Spector** and the Board of Trustees, and a final (martini) toast to the Clausens.

Larry and Dee Clausen.

Faculty News

Faculty Promotion and Tenure

On May 28, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendations of the Faculty and the President to promote **Ronald Watanabe**, O.D., to the rank of Associate Professor of Optometry; and to grant tenure to **Jane Gwiazda**, Ph.D.



Ronald Watanabe

Dr. Ronald Watanabe

Dr. Ronald Watanabe joined the faculty in 1992, after completing a residency in Cornea and Contact Lenses at Southern California College of Optometry. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern California College of Optometry in 1991. Since 1994, he has been Chief of the Contact Lens Service and is currently Chair of the Department of Clinical Skills and Practice. Dr. Watanabe also developed and currently coordinates the Residency in Cornea and Contact Lenses at The New England College of Optometry. The program started in 1996.

Jane Gwiazda

Dr. Jane Gwiazda

Dr. Jane Gwiazda joined the faculty in 1995 as an Associate Professor of Vision Science. She received her Ph.D. from Northeastern University in Experimental Psychology. Dr. Gwiazda is the Principal Investigator/Project Chair in the multi-center, Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET); and also Principal Investigator, emmetropization and development of myopia in children, both funded by the National Eye Institute.

Roger Wilson Named Editor of "Optometric Education"

Roger Wilson '80, Director of External Clinics, has been named editor of "Optometric Education." Dr. Wilson is the former editor, (from 1990-1995) of the "New England Journal of Optometry."

Grant Awarded

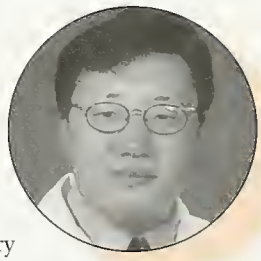
The Massachusetts Lion's Eye Research Fund recently awarded a grant for $30,000 to Dr. **Steven Koevary**, a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences and Disease for the project entitled, "Topical insulin administration for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy." The objective of the project is to determine whether the twice daily application of insulin eye drops can prevent or even reverse diabetic retinopathy in a rat model of diabetes. Many of the important diabetic retinopathic complications result directly and indirectly from a reduction in retinal insulin levels. Therefore, if insulin levels can be restored in that tissue, pathology may be prevented. Though systemic insulin injections also restore retinal insulin levels, these values are subject to large and unpredictable fluctuations.

New Clinical Faculty

The New England College of Optometry welcomes three new full-time clinical faculty to the College.

Dr. Jinjong Chung

Jinjong Chung, O.D., a 1994 graduate of the College. Upon graduation, he completed a Residency in Primary Care Optometry at Dimock Community Health Center. Since then, he has lived in South Africa, where he established the first diagnostic clinic in South Africa, provided consulting for their budding ocular disease curriculum, served as a laboratory instructor for the Certificate of Advanced Study Program, and provided eye care to indigent patients. He returned to the U.S. and has worked at Kingston Eye Associates as the head optometrist



Jinjong Chung '94

until this past June. Dr. Chung's teaching responsibilities at the College include clinical precepting in Primary Care and Contact Lenses and laboratory instruction in Optometry Theory & Methods, Ocular Disease, and Contact Lenses.

Dr. Taline Farra

Taline Farra, O.D., M.Sc., is a 1998 graduate of the University of Waterloo School of Optometry. She completed a Residency in Primary Care at the College in June 1999. During her residency year, she gained valuable experience examining patients, providing clinical and laboratory instruction, and participating in glaucoma research, an interest she developed while in optometry school and in completing her Master's thesis. Dr. Farra's teaching responsibilities at the College include clinical precepting in Primary Care and Contact Lenses, laboratory instruction in Optometry Theory & Methods and Contact Lenses, and problem based learning in the Introduction to Clinical Care course.

Taline Farra

Dr. Susan R. Monahan

Susan R. Monahan, O.D., is a 1998 graduate of the College. She went on to complete a Residency in Primary Care and Ocular Disease at Kittery Optometric Associates, during which she worked with optometrists and ophthalmologists in examining patients with various ocular and systemic health problems. She also spent one day each week in Home Eye Service at the College and developed an avid interest in providing care to the indigent and geriatric populations. Dr. Monahan's teaching responsibilities at the College include Home Eye Service, Introduction to Clinical Care, Optometry Theory & Methods and Ocular Disease laboratory courses, and Contact Lens clinic.

Susan Monahan '98

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Faculty Awards

In May, the Student Council presented three Faculty of the Year Awards for 1998-1999. These were given by the OD-I, OD-II, and OD-III classes. They were presented "In recognition of outstanding commitment to teaching and dedication to the NEWENCO student body." The awardees, for OD I, II, and III classes respectively, are **Thomas Freddo** '76, OD., Ph.D., **Bina Patel**, O.D., and **Richard Frankel**, M.D.

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Faculty News

College Faculty, Students, and Staff Present Research at ARVO

Members of the College community presented some of their exciting research at the 1999 meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology held in Ft. Lauderdale in May. The College's participation by faculty in 45 presentations reflects the highest level from any school or college of optometry in the country. Following is a list of presentations at the meeting:

- **L.A. Maggisano, N.J. Coletta, J.C. Hersey.**
  Visual Performance at Low Luminance in Keratoconus.
- **J.P. Comerford** '78, A.J. Javid, **F. Thorn** '79.
  Can the Hermann Grid Illusion be Explained by Oriented Perceptive Fields?
- **S.J. Thorn, F. Thorn** '79, **J.P. Comerford** '78.
  Spatial Spectra and the Susceptibility to Blur of Chinese and American Text in Grade School Books.
- X. Zhang, N. Wang, A. Schroeder, K. **Erickson** '96.
  Expression of Adenylate Cyclase V in the Normal and Glaucomatous Outflow Pathway.
- **C.S. Kim, K. Grice, J. Gwiazda.**
  Near Pupillary Response is Related to Age and Refractive Error.
- **F. Thorn** '79, **K. Grice, R. Held, J. Gwiazda.**
  Myopia: The Blur Hypothesis Links Nature & Nurture.
- **J. Gwiazda, K. Grice, J. McLellan, R. Held, F. Thorn** '79.
  Astigmatism and the Development of Myopia in Children.
- **E. Ong, K. Grice, R. Held, F. Thorn** '79, **J. Gwiazda.**
  Do spectacles influence the progression of myopia in school-age children?
- L. Hyman, **J. Gwiazda**, W.L. Marsh-Tootle, T.T. Norton.
  The Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET): Design and Baseline Characteristics.
- W.L. Marsh-Tootle, **J. Gwiazda**, L. Hyman, T.T. Norton.
  Refractive, Phoria, and Axial Easures at Baseline in Children Enrolled in the Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET).
- **K. Grice, F. Thorn** '79, **J. Gwiazda.**
  Myopic Children Show an Uncoordinated Accommodation/Vergence Response.
- E.A. DelBono, J. Kern, **K. Grice**, J.L. Haines, **J.E. Gwiazda**, J.L. Wiggs.
  Genetics Studies of Juvenile Onset Myopia.
- **S.B. Koevary, K.R. Beaudry.**
  Prevention of Collagen-Induced Arthritis in Rats by Immune Deviation.
- **K.L. Krenzer** '90, J.M. Cermak, **D.B. Tolls** '90, A.S. Papas, M.R. Dana, D.A. Sullivan.
  Comparative Signs and Symptoms of Dry Eye in Primary and Secondary Sjogren's Syndrome and Meibomian Gland Disease.
- J.M. Cermak, **K.L. Krenzer** '90, M.R. Dana, D.A. Sullivan.
  Do Individuals with Complete Androgen Insensitivity Display the Signs and Symptoms of Dry Eye?
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1999 Graduate Degrees

Doctor of Optometry

Christopher William Abbott
Bridgewater, New Jersey

Armita Aboosaidi
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Mark Doron Aginsky
Capetown, South Africa

Helen Ambizas
Bayside, New York

Angela M. Bernardo
East Greenbush, New York

Alina Desiree Bogorad
East Northport, New York

Sylvia J. Briceno
Caracas, Venezuela

Lamont Tyler Bunyon
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
F. Dow Smith Award

Kathleen M. Burke
Natick, Massachusetts

Shawn Alexander Burns
Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, Canada
Sunsoft Contact Lens Achievement Award

Ruben Eric Carlson
Tampa, Florida

Jason Edward Cavanaugh
South Glastonbury, Connecticut

Ann S. Chang
Watchung, New Jersey

Teresa M. Chang
Anaheim, California

Jonathan Peter Christie
Mountain View, California

Gavin Larry Cohen
Johannesburgh, South Africa
Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lenses

Clement Tzi-Chien Der
Regina Saskatchewan, Canada

Johannes Christiaan De Smedt
Johannesburgh, South Africa
Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award
Wesley Jessen Student Recognition Award

John P. Downer
Dayton, Ohio

Nancy Maria Draskovic
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Charlene Marie DuBois
Pine Bush, New York
The New England College of Optometry Clinic Award
Alumni Association Scholarship

Lestavia Paulette Calahan Duplantier*
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Nicole Maria Fantoni
Medway, Massachusetts

Kristie Noelle Fecht
Carthage, Illinois
William C. Barrett Memorial Scholarship

Caron Ku'uleialoha Fernandez
Papaikou, Hawaii

Raniero D. Fernando
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Sherene Cheam Fort
Essex Junction, Vermont
National Optometric Student Association Award

J. Christopher Freeman
Springfield, Missouri

Yasaman Ghavami
Arlington, Massachusetts

Theresa Dodson Gibbs
Newark, New York

Kulvir Singh Gill
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Lorne M. Gottesman
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Marnie Neyhart Grice
Hurley, New York
Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award
Alumni Association Scholarship

Lauren Ann Gump
San Martin, California

Jing Guo*
Chendu, SC, China

Deepak Gupta
Lanham, Maryland

Eric John Hall
Smithfield, Rhode Island
Essilor Award

Robert Andrew Hannigan
Taunton, Massachusetts
Corning Low Vision Scholarship
Bausch & Lomb Great Start Award
Vision Service Plan Scholarship

Douglas J. Henry*
Carlyle, Illinois
Alumni Association Scholarship

Geoffrey Scott Holland
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Kevin Paul Hoye
Orange, Massachusetts
Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship

Tammy Lynn Hurley-Carlson
Uniondale, Pennsylvania

Holly J. Stavinski Jacques
Bellingham, Massachusetts

Randell Richard Johnson
Aurelia, Iowa

Christophe Jean Juliet
Los Angeles, California

Jay P. Kile*
Cranston, Rhode Island

Michelle Kim
Poway, California

Young Chun Kim
Los Angeles, California

Janet L. Knubley
London, Ontario, Canada
Valedictorian
Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal
Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award

Arno K. Kuzukyan
Manhasset, New York

Susan M. Kwaiter-Sadler
Taunton, Massachusetts

Rosanna Colarusso LaMalva
Medford, Massachusetts

John Edward Lamonthe
Rutland, Vermont

Carolina Keyjung Lee
College Point, New York

Jane H. Lee-Koida
Walnut Creek, California

Lena Hui-Yu Lee
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Lily Lee
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lorie Ann Lepley
Waterville, Maine
Class of 1969 Scholarship

Frederick Thomas Leung
Houston, Texas

Michelle Lee Lewis
North Providence, Rhode Island

Thomas Allen Lezaj
Atlanta, Georgia

Yi Li*
Wuhan, China

Gregory A. Lieb
Tampa, Florida

Mae-Lae Louie
Los Angeles, California

Robert James MacAlpine
Lindsay, Ontario, Canada
Alcon Award

Douglas Lee Mann III
Decatur, Alabama

Adam David Mark
Staten Island, New York

Jennifer Mary Moreira
Downsview, Ontario, Canada
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award
Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship

Thomas Donald Morlan
South Bend, Indiana

Tara Karin Mullen
Saugerties, New York

Kevin Adam Murphy
Modesto, California

Marcus James Neitzke
West Allis, Wisconsin

Josephine Mbong Ngong*
Buea, Cameroon

Angela E. Olson
Madison, Wisconsin

Adriana Palumbo
Walpole, Massachusetts

Rajesh H. Panchal
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Marnie Catherine Panek
Baden, Pennsylvania

Lina Mahendra Patel
San Jose, California
College of Optometrists in Vision Development
John Asarkof Scholarship

Helen Alima Paulin
Somerville, Massachusetts

R. Matthew Pesta
LaVale, Maryland
Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award

Minh Thuan T. Pham
Cerritos, California

Zainub K. Postum**
Newton, Massachusetts

Sarah Susan Pozniak
Sterling Heights, Michigan

Hillary J. Pyke*
Hogansburg, New York

Melody Orene Quenzer
Sacramento, California

Michelle F. Rahimian
Mission Viejo, California

Robin Pratt Rathjens
Rochester, New York
Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship

Anupama Sehgal
Southborough, Massachusetts

Altaz A. Shajani
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Anni Sharma
Hicksville, New York

Rohit Sharma
San Diego, California

Michael Joseph Siebert
Topeka, Kansas

Carolyn Jane Smith
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Salutatorian

Wenhong Tao*
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Heather LaVallee Theriault
Terryville, Connecticut

George W. Veliky
Elmwood Park, New Jersey

Rebecca Corinne Voorthuis
Bethesda, Maryland
Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship

Sarah H.N.V. Wang
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Randall M. Weishaus
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Wensheng Winston Yao*
Wuhu, China

Glara N.K. Yi
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Alumni Association Award
Vision Service Plan Scholarship

Xue-Guang Zhang*
Neimongo, China
William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award

Xue-Qing Zhang*
Beijing, China

Bachelor of Science in Optometry

Justin David Sparhawk
Leonard, Minnesota

Faculty Awards

Frank Kozol '48
Foster Namias Award

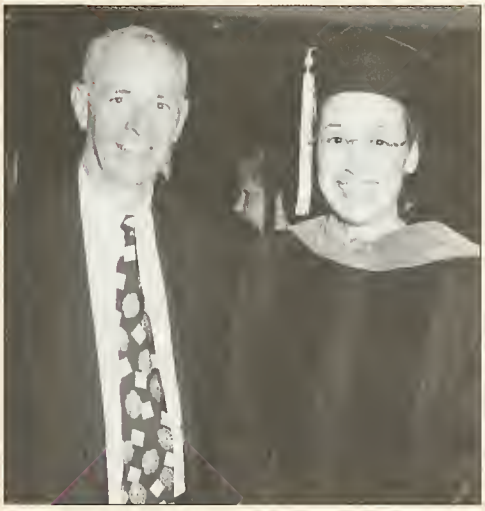
Kathleen Krenzer '90
Carroll Martus Award

**Doctor of Optometry Degree was awarded on September 7, 1999*
*** Doctor of Optometry Degree was awarded on March 1, 1999*

The information in Perspective should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquires should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Congratulations to the Class of 1999!

Dr. Larry Clausen presides over the final commencement of the millennium.



Dr. Clausen and valedictorian, Janet Knubley.

105th Commencement

The College awarded 102 Doctor of Optometry Degrees during Commencement Exercises on May 29, 1999. The College's 105th Commencement was a day of pride for the graduates, their family and friends. Janet L. Knubley delivered the valedictory address and Josh Wallman, Ph.D. was the recipient of the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Ocular Science for his distinguished work in vision science.

Friday evening, graduates and their guests joined with members of the College community for the Annual Awards banquet.

Lamont Bunyon was presented with the F. Dow Smith Award by Dr. Raymond Dye at the 1999 Student Awards Dinner.

Class President Matt Pesta with Dr. Kathleen Krenzer at the Awards Dinner.

Dr. Nancy Carlson presented Charlene Dubois with the Clinic award at the Awards Dinner.

From left to right: Xue Guang Zhang, Xinjing Xu, Frank Kozol '48, Hongxian Chen (with baby).

Graduates Robert MacAlpine and J. Christopher Freeman.

Confirmation of degrees.

Alumni News

Remembering Morris Berman

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Morris Berman. I wouldn't be surprised if you're just now asking yourself, who is Morris Berman? Yet every alum who graduated before 1995 had constant alumni communication from Morris. For 30+ years, Morris, in his role of Alumni Association Secretary/ Treasurer, managed the financial and membership aspects of the Association. We all remember the ancient Address-O-Graph files and the index card record keeping system. We remember the Alumni Board budget meetings, with Morris safeguarding alumni funds as if they were his own. He was the one constant that kept the Alumni Association going through better and leaner times. And in fact, when the Alumni Association re-merged with the College, we were able to endow the Alumni Scholarship Fund with over $70,000 in assets.

Morris Berman

For all this, Morris refused all attempts to publicly recognize his efforts. Morris wasn't even an alum of the College. He graduated ISO in the late 1930's and set up practice in Kenmore Square, just a few blocks from our campus. After taking some certificate courses at MCO, he joined our alumni board.

As an optometrist, Morris loved the private practice mode. He spent time with his patients, learned their needs, and helped well beyond providing just glasses. He fought hard to maintain the practice of traditional optometry, while the profession went through the various changes of DPA, TPA, and commercialization. He was the anchor that kept the Alumni Association from floundering during the chaotic years of growth and change in our profession. He will be missed.

Walter Potaznick '76

Alumni Association Member Update on Library Services

Alumni Association members who have been using the SEARCHBANK suite of databases (Health Reference, Expanded Academic Index, Magazine Index, Business Index, and PROMPT Predicasts) will now find that these databases are now accessed as part of INFOTRAC Web from the College Library Website.

With the name change has come a significant improvement in searching flexibility. As users know, these indexes not only provide citations to newspapers, journals and newsletters, but also, a good proportion of these databases provide access to the full article text, putting information at your fingertips.

InfoTrac Web for Remote Use is accessible to The New England College of Optometry Library users from your home, clinic, or off-campus location. You will need to enter your 14 digit Library ID when the INFOTRACÆ screen appears. For questions, please contact the Library at 617/236-6263, library@ne-optometry.edu or me at collinsb@ne-optometry.edu (Brenda Collins, Director of Library Services).

Books in Print PLUS

By the time this article reaches you, Books In Print PLUS will be available to Alumni Association members. Books in Print PLUS lists information about books which are currently in print from throughout the English speaking world. At press time, negotiations were not yet complete. Contact the Library or me for access questions or questions regarding other valuable electronic resources available to all alumni.

In Memory

Arnold Buonfiglio '47

Laurin Fischer '76

Marion Fortin '38

S. Bernard Issokson '43

John Randolph '50

Frederick Rogness '34

Melvin Zolot '52

Class Notes

1930's

David Alpert '38: San Francisco, CA; Retired from optometry in 1982.

Herbert Iventash '42: Providence, RI; Herbert writes he is retired and sends his best regards to everyone!!!

Ernest McVay '42: Riverside, RI; Ernest is married to Evelyn Everson and they have four children and nine grandchildren. He retired in 1993 after a very active 51 years of private practice and public service. Ernest writes that he and his wife now plan to sail and travel.

Irwin Graubart '43: W. Warwick, RI; Irwin has been married for over 53 years, and has two sons. He is now semi-retired, is an avid reader, and does some traveling to Florida.

Jerome Roberts '43: Lexington, MA; Jerome is active in a full-time practice, is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and the American Optometric Association. He keeps in touch with classmates Irving Fradkin '43 and Robert Kraus '43, as well as Jon Volovick '69. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Roland DeCesare '44: East Greenwich, RI; Was one of the founders and former directors of the eye clinic of Ferris Health Center and also ran a private practice which his nephew, Paul DeCesare '69, has taken over. Roland is still a member of Registry of M.U.W.R.I Medical Advisory Board. He is a past president of RIOA and NECO. Roland is very well known in golf circles, he has worked on many golf tournaments. Stays in touch with Monthe Kofos '42.

Murray Miller '44: Cranston, RI: Last year Murray retired from optometry after 53 years. He now plans on wintering in Florida. He enjoys playing golf and collecting antique watches. Congratulations to Murray and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary this November.

Frank Kozol '48: Sharon, MA; Although Frank retired from private practice nine years ago, he has continued to teach at the College and remain very active. He plans to retire in the year 2000.

Joseph Barresi '49: Fort Kent, ME; Joseph is enjoying his retirement by spending seven months of the year in Florida and the rest in Maine. He says that he enjoys his eight grandchildren on every occasion possible and he and his wife, Louise, love to golf, although he has to continue to improve in order to catch up with her. Joseph has volunteered to work as a Class Agent for his 50th class reunion this fall.

Leon Ginsburg '49: Boynton Beach, FL; Leon has been retired for over eight years and finds it difficult to believe how time has gone by so fast. He is a life member of the MSO and the AAO and has been working on developing an eye clinic for migrant workers. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

1950's

Burton Gerson '50: Yarmouthport, MA; Burton is mostly retired and spends six months in Florida during the cold season. He and his wife, Nora, have been married for 38 years and have two sons, his oldest is a Rabbi in Denver and his youngest is an investment banker in New York City. He is a member of MSO, NECO, and AOA.

David Kurland '50: River Edge, NJ; David retired nine years ago and now enjoys playing tennis, his computer, reading, and music.

Richard Land '50: Cranston, RI; Richard continues the practice of diagnostic radiology as director of radiology for the St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island. He tells us his work continues to be pleasant and challenging. He was in recent contact with Leonard Samit '50 and Herbert Antell, O.D.

Dexter Laton '50: Chelmsford, MA; Dexter is retired and has been married to Lois for 46 years. They have two children and six grandchildren and winter on the west coast of Florida.

Hans Wolff '50: Belle Harbor, NY; Hans has been retired since 1982. He and wife, Rhoda, divide their time between Florida and New York. He is the father of two, grandfather of six, great-grandfather of five.

M. Stuart Berman '52: Ogunquit, ME; M. Stuart still practices three days a week and is a member of MSO and the AOA.

Israel Bloomfield '52: Chestnut Hill, MA; Has been retired since November 1990 but maintains his Massachusetts license. He and his wife winter in Florida, they have one son and three grandchildren.

Eugene Bogage '52: Pottsville, PA; Eugene still owns a private practice. He is a past president of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association.

Gilbert Friedman '52: Fort Myers, FL; Gilbert has basically retired and enjoys boating, flying, and ballroom dancing. He has three daughters and one grandson.

Dorothy Galvin Jodice '52: South Windsor, CT; Dorothy retired in 1990 from a small solo practice which she described as a "wonderful experience, best job in town, no traveling or baby sitters." She now divides her time between Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Sarasota, Florida.

Class Notes

Ernest Kahn '52: Sharon, MA; Ernest is semi-retired from a group practice working 2-3 days a week. He is also a computer consultant specializing in optometric offices and optometric software. He gardens in his free time, is active in Bonsai culture and orchid growing, goes ballroom and contra dancing and is president of the Sharon Rotary Club.

Leonard Zuckerbraun '52: Preston, CT; Leonard practices part-time and has handed the practice over to his son, Joel '82. He previously served as director of the Connecticut Optometric Society.

Saul Purcell '53: Hallandale, FL; Saul has been in solo practice for 43 years. He has three grandchildren. His son, Howard '84, is director of professional affairs with Vistakon.

Rene LaPlante '54: Brattleboro, VT; Rene sold his practice and has been on "inactive status" for close to two years. He is recoveting from two total hip replacement surgeries.

Arthur Giroux '55: Locust Grove, VA; Arthur served in the army for 26 years, retiring in 1983. His last eight years were served at the Pentagon as chief of Army optometry and as chief of the medical service corps. He served in Europe, Vietnam, and in five states. He is a former director of the contact lens section and assistant director of government relations for AOA. Has been married to Nancy for 47 years. They have five children and nine grandchildren. He luckily lives 300 yards from an 18 hole golf course and lives on a lake. He has a second home in Indian Harbor Beach, Florida.

Bert Widder '55: Wilmington, DE; Berr is serving on the medical staff of a large hospital and has retired from private practice.

Melvin Golden '56: Lubbock, TX; Melvin is a radiologist at the Texas Tech Medical School. He has been practicing for 30 years.

Howard Coleman '57: Cranston, RI; Howard is currently in a transitional mode toward retirement and has scaled back to practicing four days a week. He is past chairman of RI Board of Examiners in Optometry, FAAO, FCOVD, and continues to work on developing networks to successfully match new graduates to retiring optometrists.

Albert Tyroler '59: Stony Brook, NY; Albert retired but has developed an interest in construction, welding, and travel.

1960's

Richard Crinigan' 60: Watervliet, NY; Richard recently retired as chief of the optometry section, Stratton VA Medical Center but continues to work as an attending optometrist two mornings per week. He is past president of the New York State Optometric Association and received the 50 year membership award.

Earl Lizotte '60: Easthampton, MA; Earl lectured in Vienna as a member of Intetlens on Multifocal Contact Lenses. He is involved in syntonics and inventing home light therapy equipment. He also is active in environmental issues and lectures for the Audobon on recycling. He has three adult children and sees Tom Baker '60 and Jerry Fay '61 often.

Gilbert Sellars '60: Henderson, NC; Gilbert practices full-time and has been active as past district president and past trustee of East District NC State Optometry Society; director on the board of AOA PAC for the southern states; past president of Rotary Club; and past member of Rotary District Board. He has two daughters; one a CPA and the other an attorney, and three granddaughters. Gilbert keeps in touch with Artie '60 and Roberta Fields and Lois Martus.

Joel Altman '64: Foxboro, MA; Joel practices full-time as an independent OD at Pearle Vision in Hyannis. He and his wife, Charlotte, have two daughters, (one married this summer) and a son. He is also a talented and recognized musician. He won the 1998 International William Kapell Piano Competition, the 1998 International Violin Competition, and the 1999 Cleveland International Piano Competition. In addition, he has managed the Brockton Symphony Orchestra for the last eight years.

Philip Linsky '65: Marblehead, MA; Philip is married with one son and one grandson. He corresponds with Arthur Copeland '65 and is a member of the MSO, NECO, and AOA.

George Ehlert '67: Jacksonville, FL; George recently took a position in the consultation department with Vistakon in Jacksonville, Florida. He retired as a navy optometrist with 26 years of active duty in the Medical Service Corps. He is married with two daughters, Alison, 27 years old and Melissa, 22 years old.

Frank Pimentel '67: Wallingford, CT; Frank has been in practice for 29 years with an associate for the last 18 years.

Clifford Scott '68: Natick, MA; Cliff divides his time between the West Roxbury/Brockton VA Medical Center and the College teaching Ocular Disease and Public Health along with being

NECO 1999 and the 30th Reunion Brunch for the Class of 1969

Mrs. Barbara and Dr. Hy Kamens '47, Judy Hartogh and Paulette Turco '77, host the College exhibit booth during NECO.

Class of 1969 Reunion during NECO, Rear L to R, Michael Iannuccilli, Paul DeCesare, Edward Schwartzberg, George Montminy, Bottom L to R, David Helfman, Tyler Secord.

The New England College of Optometry was a significant and welcome presence at the 77th Annual Eye Congress held for the second year in Providence, Rhode Island. The College's Alumni Association sponsored an exhibit booth throughout the three day Congress. On Saturday night, more than 350 greater New England area optometrists and their guests gathered to cheer on **Steve Byrnes** '77, as the 59th President of NECO at the College sponsored Presidential Reception.

College sponsored activities continued through Sunday, with an Estate Planning Breakfast and a special 30th Reunion Brunch for the Class of 1969, coordinated by Dr. **George Montminy** '69. The College is grateful to Dr. Montminy for his assistance with the reunion.

involved with the international programs. A few months ago he traveled to Madrid, Spain, for an awards ceremony. He is active in AAO and the MSO's Legislative Committee.

Mary Scott '68: Natick, MA; Mary is a member of The New England College of Optometry Board of Trustees, a member of AAO and the MSO.

Kenneth Arruda '69: Somerset, MA; He and wife, Madeline, have a son Keith '95 and daughter-in-law, Eudoxia Tsongalis '95 who are optometrists. They enjoy playing golf, racquetball, and traveling.

Carl Doughty '69: Palm Bay, FL; Carl is in private practice and is president of the Brevard Optometric Association in Florida and sits on the Board of a managed care plan. He enjoys restoring classic cars, especially Avanti's. Daughter, Debra, is attending the University of North Florida.

David Helfman '69: Hollis, NH; David is a senior partner in a group practice with an ophthalmologist on staff part-time. He served as president of NHOA and has chaired the educational portion of the annual NECO conference four times. He and his wife have three children and enjoy skiing, hiking, golf, and tennis.

Charles Mullen '69: Chicago, IL; Charles continues as president of the Illinois College of Optometry. He is a member of the American Public Health Association, AAO (Fellow), AOA, Association of Military Surgeons of the US, NBEO (Diplomate), National Association of VA Optometrists, Board of Directors for the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee for the ASCO, member of the Illinois Optometric Association, and Adjunct Clinical Professor at SUNY College of Optometry. He and his wife, Rita, have two children, Henry and Elizabeth.

1970's

Arthur Jankolovits '70: New Hyde Park, NY; Arthur retired from practice in 1991 to devote full time to Hart Specialties, which is an optical importing and distributing company. Keeps in touch with a number of his classmates and alumni of the College. He is a strong supporter of Prevention of Blindness and other vision charities. He is married with two daughters and his interests include travel, design, and predicting the future.

Class Notes

You Are Invited!!

October 16, 1999, at 6:00 p.m.

to join friends and colleagues of
Dr. John E. Asarkof for the

Unveiling of the Asarkof Portrait

The unveiling will be held at the College
and be hosted by Dr. Lester Brackley.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-September.
If you would like more information, please contact

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President of the Alumni Association
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lw318@aol.com.

Robert Resnick '70: Forest, VA; Robert spent most of last year building a new house and having fun with the stock market... "Where is Pete Kumpitch '70 when you need him." He has been talking on the net with Ray Escher '70 and Ken Schwartz '70. He is on the board of VOA and busy working on legislative issues at the state level. He keeps in touch with Ray Escher and Ken Schwartz both of the Class of 1970.

Michael Roy '70: Walnut Creek, CA; Works in a two person practice East of San Francisco and comments that his therapeutic license is very helpful. His wife teaches kindergarten so they have a yearly crop of "foster children" in addition to their three children. His avocations are karate and tai chi (3rd degree black belt), and he loves to travel. He notes that he is very happy for Art Jankolovits' '70 success.

Peter Cottone '71: Natick, MA; Peter is Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Optometry and a member of the AOA, NECO, and MSO. He sits on the Data and Information Committee of International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry. He is still married to Barbara who is a Boston public school teacher and has a daughter, Jennifer.

John Page, II '71: Overland Park, KS; John has been practicing in the Kansas City area for 11 years after 10 years in the military and 12 years in Alaska. He is nearing the end of a three year appointment to the KS State Board.

Richard Sarlitt '71: Irvine, CA; Richard continues at his private practice in Irvine and is presently chair of the Orange County Optometric Society's Public Awareness Committee where he was formerly president from 1997 to 1998. His wife works part time in his office. They have two sons ages 20 and 12.

Daniel Bausch '72: Longmeadow, MA; Daniel is enjoying his therapeutic practice but is thinking of retiring and becoming a boat captain in the Bahamas with classmate Arthur Friedman.

Steven Tishler '72: Mansfield Center, CT; Steven continues working in pediatric, vision therapy, and contact lens practice. He regularly attends NECO, and is a member of COA. He still landscapes, gardens, sails and fishes fresh and deep sea, and collects and restores corvettes.

Ethan Bellin '73: Brooklyn, NY; Has been in private practice for 20 years and is married with four children and one dog. He enjoys playing tennis and going to the gym.

John Maurillo '73: Skaneateles, NY; John continues at his solo practice in the home town of Welch Allyn. He is busy studying for TMOD, on the Board of Directors Chamber of Commerce, and involved with the Lions Club.

Jeffrey Rose '73: Bayside, NY; Jeffrey is working within a group practice and is employed at TLC Laser Center in Manhattan. He is martied and has two children: son, graduating NYU law school, and daughter, graduate student in physical therapy at the University of Miami.

Albert Sherburne '73: Lexington, MA; Albert works in general practice and is a Colonel, Massachusetts Air National Guard. He is a member of the AOA, MSO, Air National Guard Optometric Society, and the Air Force Association. He and wife, Barbara, have three children: Melissa, Carole, and Megan.

Marcia Green '74: Weston, MA; Marcia is now in solo private practice after many years with HMO's. Last January, she went to Nicaragua with VOSH and says it was a great experience. Her daughter, Andrea, is a sophomore at Tufts.

David Momnie '74: Ludlow, MA; David will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Chicopee Eyecare this fall. He has developed a subspecialty in pediatric contact lens. His wife is an educational psychologist and children are 17, 15, and 11 years old. David had been involved in fundraising for the College's "2000 In Sight" Campaign and active in "political optometry".

Joseph Molinari '74: Tallahassee, FL; Joe was promoted to Colonel US Air Force Reserve in 1998 and was awarded the "Optometrist of the Year" by the Armed Forces Optometric Society in 1999.

Joseph Osmanski '74: Glocester, RI; Joseph has been in private practice for 22 years. His wife, Joan, works part-time in a second office. Their children are ages 24, 22, 19, and 17; grandchildren are 3 and 10 months. Joseph is a Corporator on the College's Board of Trustees, past president of RIOA, and past president, treasurer, and secretary of Glocester Lions Club.

Stephen Zigman '74: Englishtown, NJ; Stephen is in partnership with Ross Schwartz '74. He and his wife, Hope, have two daughters: Danielle and Rachel. He is a member of the NJOA and chairman of the Jersey Shore OEP Study Group.

Robert J. Doty, Jr. '75: Red Bank, NJ; Robert is in private practice at the Mid Atlantic Eye Center and is president of NJ Academy of Optometry.

Marc C. Epstein '75: Great Neck, NY; Marc is in private practice specializing in low vision, contact lens, and medical optometry. He is also chief of optometry at Catholic Medical Centers of Queens; director of low vision services at North Shore University Hospital; low vision specialist to Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf Blind; president of Nassau County Optometric Society; past president of NY Academy of Optometry, fellow of the AAO; diplomate of the NBEO; member of the AOA and the NYSOA. Wife, Barbara, is a store manager; sons, Adam, is a story editor for Paramount Pictures, CA; Scott is a sophomore at Duke University; and Brian, a sophomore at Skidmore College. Marc enjoys auctions, sail boat racing, scuba diving, and travel.

Jay Greenstein '76: Denver, CO; Jay is the president of Colorado VOSH and has done many VOSH trips. He enjoys skiing and snow boarding. He keeps in touch with Mark Sturm '76 and Sam Baron '71.

Elliot Kirstein '76: Loveland, OH; Elliot has been in private practice for 22 years. His interests include golf, skiing, travel, politics, teaching, and advancement of primary care medical optometry. He is a member of the AOA and their contact lens division, the COA, and a board member of the Cincinnati Optometric Association. He is on the medical advisory board of the Physicians Resource Group.

Michael Marden '76: Lincolnville, ME; Has two private practices… one in Rockport and one in Belfast. He is the father of three boys. His wife, Mona, works for an orthopedic group. Michael coached Little League for ten years and now is coaching Junior High baseball and umpiring Little League baseball. Talks regularly to Bill Holmes '76 and sees Ron Roy '76 at state optometric meetings.

Fred Goldberg '77: Reston, VA; Fred is in partnership with Lelene M. Strassman. He is president-elect of Northern VA Optometric Society, AAO (Fellow), AOA, VOA and the Southern Council of Optometrists. He has a 17 year old son, Jason, a black belt in hapkido, and enjoys biking, traveling, art, and playing the sax.

Arthur M. Goldman '77: Medfield, MA; Arthur is on staff at the Eye Health Association. He has two sons and a daughter, ages 14, 12, and 9. He is the Commissioner of Metropolitan Boston Hockey League and runs 20-25 miles a week.

Reginald Mailhot '77: Lewiston, ME; Daughters, Audrey, age 21, is attending Hobart and William Smith College, majoring in political science; Sarah, age 18, will be attending Catholic University of America, majoring in architecture. Member of the AOA, MOA, NECO, OEP, and COVD.

Gordon Thomas '77: Palm Harbor, FL; Gordon and his wife, Nancy, have traveled extensively (Costa Rica, Guatemala, Russia Canada, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hawaii, Belize, Honduras, Mexico) and have done eye mission trips to Honduras, Azerba, and Morocco. They have had 8-9 exchange students staying with them from different countries. He is a member of the AOA and FLOA. Son, Alex, started University of Central Florida this past summer and daughter, Alyssa, starts high school this fall.

A. Robert Child, Jr. '78: Tiverton, RI; Robert is a board member of the RIOA, past president of RIOA and NECO. He founded a cross country horseback riding company six years ago in Wyoming. Any avid riders looking for a great adventure, give him a call.

Paul Ciaccio '78: South Yarmouth, MA; Married to Caroline and they have one daughter, Vanessa. Past chairman of MSO Cape Cod District, member of the Masons, Knights of Columbus, and Gun Club. Enjoys skiing, golfing, traveling, and fine dining.

Lee DeRosa '78: Bath, ME; Practices in Lewiston with Parise Chamberland '93. Lee has had three articles published in the AOA Journal.

Terry Goodman '78: Bedford, NH; Working in a group practice: Bellows, Goodman & Shaker Medical Eye Center. His wife, Elda, is a pediatric nurse practitioner, and they have a daughter, Aleeza. He is very active as a speaker in the Lion's Club International.

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Catherine Kennedy '78: Burlington, MA; Catherine is practicing part-time in a vision therapy practice and busy raising her three children. She is the state director for Massachusetts at the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and is interested in the promotion of behavioral vision care.

Caroline Marten-Ellis '78: Westwood, MA; Caroline started a solo practice in an ophthalmology setting. She and her husband, Steve, who is still at MIT, have two children, Carmen and Christopher.

Bruce Bunker '79: Westford, MA; Practices with William Tanzer '79 at the Lahey Clinic. Bruce enjoys fishing, hunting, and archery during his free time.

Norman Kahn '79: Virginia Beach, VA; Norman is married to Linda and they have two children. He keeps in touch with Chris Holcomb '77 regularly. He is on the executive committee of the VOA, a fellow of the VA Academy of Optometry, and former president of Tidewater Optometric Society.

Laura Meusel Colasz '79: Wallingford, CT; Laura is now working in multi-disciplinary practice after previously working with a HMO.

1980's

Depew "Bill" Chauncey '80: Melrose, MA; Bill has been a member of the College faculty since 1980. He is a member of the AOA, AAO, and ARVO.

Howard Cohen '80: Columbia, MD; Howard has been married to Diane for 23 years. They have two children, Sarah and David. He has been with a group private practice since 1983 and is active in state legislative efforts and lobbying. He plays golf, softball, and the saxophone, and enjoys visiting civil war battlefields.

Stephen Graham '80: Hailey, ID; Stephen practices both ophthalmology and optometry, specializing in refractive surgery. Keeps in touch with Bobby Pinkert '80. He is a member of AOA, AAO, and ISRS.

Joel Kestenbaum '80: Plainview, NY; Recently moved to a larger office and the practice is thriving. He has two sons, Evan, who is getting ready to get his drivers license and Brett, who recently had his Bar Mitzvah ("Are we getting old or what?!"). Joel stays in touch with Arthur Weinwurm '80, Neil Elliot '81, and Mark Stadlen '81. He is a member of the AOA and the Nassau County Optometric Society

Carol V. Maloney '81: North Haven, CT; Married Henry in November 1996. She is a manager at CHC Physicians — the practice she joined after graduation. It is owned by Yale New Haven Hospital.

Donald Higgins '82: Farmington, CT; Donald still runs the private practice he took over after graduating from the College. He has a fellowship in ortho-keratology and taught at the College last academic term. He has two daughters.

Ken Landesman '82: Somers, NY; Ken writes, "Just wanted to remind all of my classmates who are Red Sox fans that Roger Clemens is a Yankee!"

Scott Webb '82: Rutland, VT: Scott and wife, Colette, have two children, a girl and a boy, age 13 and 10. He has been in private practice in Rutland since graduation. Scott is living the lifestyle he wanted... skiing 60+ days a year, golfing 60+ days a year, and occasionally he is in the office. "I am a member of the Vermont Optometric Association, whom I feel has done a great job representing our interests."

Douglas P. Benoit '83: Concord, NH; Douglas is an associate in a multi-sub specialty ophthalmology practice for the past 15 years. Contact lens and external disease concentration. He is a fellow of the AAO since 1988; diplomate Cornea & Contact Lens Section since 1992 and also on its executive committee since 1996; advisory committee of RGPLI; speakers bureau of Vistakon; and president of the NH Board of Registration in Optometry since 1999.

Leslie R. Kolker '84: Great Neck, NY; Leslie started her own solo practice 13 years ago and now has a very busy full time practice. She was married three years ago to Charlie. Recently became an attending physician at North Shore University Hospital and has a thriving private solo practice within the hospital's ophthalmology department. She also supervises the ophthalmology residents in their contact lens/refraction clinics. Sees many classmates especially at Vision Expo East.

John R. McIntyre '84: Corpus Christi, TX; John is married and now has four children. He is a member of the TOA and AOA.

Rachel Negris '84: Chelmsford, MA; Rachel has been practicing with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates for the past 15 years. Married for nine years with one son who is entering the first grade. Enjoys camping and traveling whenever possible. Went to Venezuela this year.

Robert J. Parks '84: Wakefield, RI; Bob and his wife, June, who is a pharmacist, have two children: Lindsay, age 7 and Tyler, age 2. He is chief of optometry at Harvard Community Health Plan of New England; staff optometrist at Brockton/West Roxbury VAMC; clinical instructor of optometry. He is a member of the National Association of VA Optometrists and the RIOA. Bob is an avid fan of University of Rhode Island Rams basketball team.

Howard Purcell '84: Jacksonville, FL; Howard is director of professional affairs at Vistakon, Johnson & Johnson Vision Products. He has three children: Cameron, 8 years old; Connor, 5 years old; and Hallie, 5 months old. He is a diplomate, Cornea & Contact Lenses of the AAO.

Susan G. Rodgin '84: Natick, MA; Susan is in private practice and also a staff O.D. at two hospitals. She is adjunct faculty at the College and a fellow in the AAO. She has two children.

Jon Scott Walker '84: Orange Park, FL; Jon is a group leader, consultation in the professional affairs division of Vistakon. He is finishing his fellowship at the Academy.

Laura Dake Roche '85: West Hartford, CT; Laura sees patients three days a week, as well as serving as the optometric director of the OptiCare Eye Health Network. She is the secretary/treasurer of the CAO and on the board of directors of her local United Way and YMCA. She has three children ages 5, 3, and 9 months.

John T. Mooney, Jr. '85: Sterling, MA; Has been married to Deborah Bettencourt '85 for 12 years. They have a daughter, Jackie, 11 years old and a son John, III, 7 years old. His practice is in Leominster; hers is in W. Boylston. They both just turned 40 and headed to Bermuda to celebrate. John is president-elect to the M.S.O.

David P. Sendrowski '85: Rancho St. Margarita, CA; David is a tenured associate professor at the Southern California College of Optometry and is also in private practice with his wife, Lori Floyd, O.D. He co-authored an optometric textbook "Differential Diagnosis in Primary Eye Care" by Butterworth Publications.

Scott Sylvia '86: Boston, MA; Scott purchased a private practice over a year ago and is working on building it to a full time practice. He is finishing his MBA with a concentration in marketing at Bryant College. Scott teaches aerobics at Boston area health clubs seven days a week.

Theresa Bacaris '87: Sound Beach, NY; Theresa is currently working part-time for a few retail establishments. She has two daughters; Katiana, 4 years old, and is enrolled in Kindergarten this fall; and Alexis born this past January.

Ted and Nancy Bulas Wadas '87: Holland Patent, NY; They have been married to for 11 years and have four children: Matthew, 8; Kimberly, 6; Benjamin, 4; and William, 2. They are active members of the NYS and AOA. Are in private practice and recently opened their second office. Therapeutic certified (Phase I) and also glaucoma co-management (Phase II) as per NYS TPA law.

President's Reception in Florida

Dr. Kamens with Florida alumnae, Judi Schaffer '93, Barbara Manburg '77, and Brandee Owens '98.

Last March, the College hosted a festive reception and dinner for the Florida alumni of The New England College of Optometry. Held at the Hyatt Regency-Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, more than 30 guests enjoyed a delightful evening. With President **Larry Clausen** and Dr. **Hy Kamens** '47, acting as co-hosts, the event was a spirited stroll down memory lane. Dr. Clausen presented slides of the recently renovated library, bringing Florida alumni up-to-date with the College's spectacular facilities. A special thanks to Dr. **Judi Schaffer** '93 for her volunteer efforts in planning this terrific event!

David De Rosi '87: Johnston, RI; David has a baby girl, Victoria Grace, born November 16, 1998. He is president elect of the RIOA, co-chair of the RIOA's legislative committee, and vice president of Saving Sight RI.

Jeannette Iriarte-Innocenzi '87: Arcadia, CA; Jeanette is kept busy with two practices and two beautiful children." Her husband, Bob, practices ophthalmology and is enjoying performing laser surgeries.

Sherri R. Maxwell '87: Wetumpka, AL; Sherri is currently in an Air Force "Career Broadening" job. Once back on station to Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ, she will be back in the clinical setting working with the F-16 fighter pilots. She is a member of the AFOS, AOA, VOSH International, and Officer Club.

Class Notes

Special Olympics Opening Eyes

Special Olympics "Opening Eyes", a new program by Special Olympics International, first year was a success. The Special Olympics vision screening at the World Games in Raleigh, North Carolina, in July, screened over 1,700 athletes and provided more than 800 pairs of glasses. More than 85 optometrists from around the world volunteered their time for the Special Olympics.

The clinical directors for next year's program which will be held in June 2000: **Robert Aube, Jr.** '92, for the state of Connecticut; **Stacy Lyons** '88, for Massachusetts; **Bruce Meyer** '82, for New Jersey; and **Albert Glucksman** '58, for Rhode Island.

Optometrists at the 1999 Special Olympics.

Salvatore Musumeci '87: Tampa, FL; Sal is center director for Omega Health Systems. He is married to Stephanie, and they have three children: Nicholas, Michael, and Stephen. He is an FAAO.

Joseph E. Pavano, III '87: Avon, CT; He is in private practice, Doctor Pavano & Associates for 12 years, now at two locations: New Britain and Bristol, CT. His associates include Drs. Brad Newman, John Lettora '85, and Bob Connors '81.

Gary L. Roth '88: Chesterland, OH; Practices at a non-profit health center where his wife, Rachel, is an optician. They have three girls and one boy, ages 9, 7, 5, and 3. Gary has seen Charlie Schendowich '78 a number of times in Israel, corresponds with Janis Miller Lightman '87, and keeps tabs on Michael Smookler '89. He is affiliated with the Israel Council of Optometrists, a member of the Israel Health Ministry's Council of Clinical Examiners in Optometry, and ocular pharmacology lecturer and clinical instructor at Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem. He is also a librarian at the Israel College of Optometry in Tel Aviv.

Elizabeth A. Ryan '88: Florence, MA; Elizabeth owns a practice which only performs consultations and follow-ups for refractive surgery patients. Also works with a private O.D. doing primary care. She is a member of the AOA, the Optometric Refractive Surgery Society, and co-chair of the MSO - Western District. Enjoys water-skiing, field hockey, lacrosse and spending time with her adopted daughter, Emily. Keeps in touch with Mike Gousy '88, John Abbondanza '88, and Val Ricciardi-Thamel '88.

Patrick & Angie (Pabalan) O'Dowd '89: Fuquay-Varina, NC; Pat and Angie have been married since June 1990. They have four children: Daniel 6 years old, Michael 4 years old, Brennon 2 years old, and Emily born March '99. Their private office is staying busy and so are they. They have kept in touch with Vito, Tom, Anne, Sheila. Hi Everybody!

Ann Slocum Edmonds '89: Portland, OR; Ann practices four days per week; three days in a private practice and one day as an assistant adjunct professor at Pacific University College of Optometry. She has two sons: Alexander, 2 1/2 years old and Timothy, 1 year old. Currently vice president for VOSH International and president of VOSH Oregon chapter.

1990's

David F. Dalesio and Sandra L. Eveleth '90: Ft. Myers, FL; They opened a private practice one year ago and are very excited about offering patients some innovative subspecialties like the diagnosis and treatment of computer vision syndrome and specialty contact lenses. The practice comes second to their 3 1/2 year old daughter, Samantha. They have joined the National Association of Women Business Owners, the Fort Myers Women's Network, the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce in addition to their optometric affiliations. Also involved with their local elementary schools in providing quarterly free full eye exams and free eyewear to 20 deserving children... also provide the schools with a quarterly newsletter to keep them informed about the importance of routine eye care.

Karen M. Gebhardt '90: Springfield, MO; She and her husband, Patrick, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Quinn Patrick. She is a member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society, the Missouri Optometric Association, the Greater Ozark Optometric Society, and the AOA.

Steven Lord '90: Hampden, ME; Steven is in private practice and Hampden and is president of the Maine Optometric Association.

Robert A. Buck, '91: Oxford, CT; Has been working for seven years with Michael Gorman '62. Married Maggie Scibek on July 12, 1998. They have 60 rabbits, 11 laying hens, 1 horse, 1 cat, and 1 dog. He is active in the grange and masonic fraternity.

Tracy K. Hairston '91: Brighton, MA; He is in a group ophthalmology-optometry practice serving pediatric and adult patients. Married Anselma in January 1997. Enjoys sports and the stockmarket. Tracy is a member of the MSO.

Robert W. Aube, Jr. '92: Wethersfield, CT; Married to Elizabeth who is a special education teacher. They have a son Jack who is 11 months old. He is a member of the board of directors of the CAO, delegate to NECO 1999, public relations chairman of the CAO, and Special Olympics Opening Eyes coordinator for Connecticut 2000 Special Olympics.

Ara Barsamian '92: Marlborough, MA; Recently became a partner with Debra Grossman Sleight '95. Working also with new associate Paul Levine '97. Ara enjoys playing soccer, riding his mountain bike, reading new age literature, and getting involved. He is a director on the Alumni Association Advisory Board, a member of the MSO, NECO, AOA, AOA Contact Lens Section, and the College's Institutional Planning Committee.

Nanette Stirpe '92: Shoreham, NY; Nanette has two children, Nanette age 5 and Peter age 21 months. She was recently TPA certified, Phase 1 and 2, and is practicing optometry as an independent.

Stacy Bean '93: Peabody, MA; Stacy is working for herself out of three different offices five days per week. Son, Matthew, turned one year old in December. She is a member of the MSO and AOA and received TPA certification last year through Pacific University.

May-May Chan '93: Danville, CA; She married Edward Louie, a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry, on July 18, 1998.

Jeanette Jezick '93: Lebanon, CT; Jeanette bought her first home this past August and says "It's wonderful! My 'babies' are my Persian cats, and they love the house as well. Brian and I are happy and doing well." She is an associate to Drs. Robert '81 and Dave '86 Palozej, as well as a two year owner of her own practice. She has been on the CAO board of directors for two years and is now taking over the Vision USA chair for Connecticut.

Jason R. Smith '93: Forty Fort, PA; Earned his M.S. degree in health administration from King's College in December 1999. Appointed to city of Wilkes Barre's Health Department Task Force.

Robert M. Tyszko '93: Tucson, AZ; Robert is a member of the faculty at the University of Arizona's College of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology. Member of the AOA, AFOS, and Southern Arizona Optometric Association.

John Courtland White '93: Asheville, NC; He is a member of the AOA, NC State Optometric Society, and the Mountain District Optometric Society.

Kathleen Zinzer '93: Wrightstown, PA; Had a wonderful time with classmates celebrating their 5th year reunion and also enjoyed Dr. Kamens' Gala last fall. She is involved with the Comet Study which allows her to visit the College annually for the team meeting. Kathleen lectured in Switzerland and Germany for PCO's Master in Optometry Program. She continues to teach pediatrics and binocular vision at PCO.

Mary Bonane Fazio '94: Ringoes, NJ; Mary's and her husband, Ben's, private practice, Montgomery Eye Care, is almost two years old now and is doing quite well. They have a full service ophthalmic finishing lab and dispensary, as well as a state-of-the-art optometric office. Ben has been a licensed optician for 16 years. She is a member of the AOA, NJOA, NJAO, and a FAAO.

Jon and Lisa Martin Eriksson '94: Richmond, VT; They have one son, Jake Martin, born on October 6, 1997. Jon is co-owner of two office private practice in Burlington/Essex Junction, Vermont. Member of the AOA and Low Vision Section.

Vickie Fang '94: Rockville, MD; Vickie was married in September 1998. She is working full-time at Costco. Recently saw Judy Butler Driscoll '94 at continuing education.

William Kastern '94: Ocala, FL; William is an independent doctor associated with a Wal-Mart Vision Center. Other College graduates near him are: Jay Ananthan-Nair '94, Charlie Paglia '94, Jerry Cheney '94, and Henry Meer '94.

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Charles Robert and Sally Dang Soltes '94: West Point, NY; They moved to New York in October 1998 and now on their way to Irvine, California. They have two boys: Ryan, 4 years old and Brandan, 2 years old. Rob is leaving the Army and will be joining an ophthalmology practice in Orange County. Sally will be buying a private practice.

Clifford Espinola '95: Attleboro, MA; Cliff has a 3 year old daughter, Katie, and one on the way in June 1999.

Richard Hartwell '95: Newton Center, MA; He is currently working for Cambridge Eye Doctors. Prior to this, Richard worked for the Army from 1995-1998. He is a member of the MSO and the AOA.

Daniel Jandreau '95: Caribou, ME; Dan is working in a private practice in northern Maine. He just purchased a new home and is expecting his first child in June.

Frederick A. Moffa '95: Granby, CT; Recently took a full-time position in an ophthalmology practice. He is responsible for post-op care and a growing nursing home practice. He and wife, Jennifer, are expecting their third child in June, and also, his children Jamie and Freddie are doing fine.

Karen Nguyen '95: Orlando, FL; Karen currently works for Pearle Vision Express in Orlando. Her and her husband, Dat, welcomed the arrival of their son, Keane, on April 30, 1999. Would like to hear from classmates, especially via e-mail: karen_nguyen@yahoo.com.

Jo Ann Talbot Bailey '95: Cinnaminson, NJ; Jo Ann has two practice locations: the Eye Institute of PCO and Dr. Aiello & Assoc. in Delran, NJ. She is a full-time clinical faculty member at PCO teaching laboratory and soon teaching the course Strabismus and Amblyopia. She was married to Daniel in September 1998.

Bruce Yang '95: Monsey, NY; Bruce has been busy practicing 6-7 days a week at three locations; he is the clinical director for Vision World in Scarsdale, clinical director and instructor for Elmhurst Vision in Queens, and an affiliate of LensCrafter in Nyak.

Michelle L. Kent '96: Westernville, NY; Michelle is engage to be married on October 2, 1999, to Shawn Hall. She recently spoke to Vivien Chan '96 who is currently living in Toronto with two practices and Karen Grucci '96 who was married in April 1999. She is a member of NYSOA and the Mohawk Valley Optometric Society.

Deborah M. LeBlanc Zopatti '96: Bellingham, MA; Deborah married Joseph Zopatti on April 13, 1996.

Kerry J. Moscovitz '96: Issaquah, WA; Kerry is currently working in his own private practice. He and wife, Kara, bought their first home in November 1998. He is a member of the Washington Association of Optometric Physicians, King County Optometric Society, and the AOA.

Cristina Rouiller '96: Clarksville, MD; Cristina is practicing with an ophthalmology group, Medical Eye Center, which currently has four offices in the Baltimore/Washington, DC, area. She is a member of the Maryland Optometric Association and the AOA. She is married.

Paul H. Vu '96: San Jose, CA; Paul is married and currently a partner in a two office group practice. He is a member of the AOA, COA, and the Santa Clara Optometric Society.

Jonathan and Bethany (Bernstein) Fishbein '97: Monmouth Junction, NJ; They were martied in August 1997 and recently bought a house. Jonathan finished his residency in June 1998 and is working in two practices and teaching low vision at PCO one day a week. Bethany became a partner in a group practice.

Patricia Haller '97: Chillicothe, OH; She has purchased a retired O.D.'s practice which is doing quite well. Patricia is a member of the AOA, AAO, and Business and Professional Women (local chapter).

Paul Levine '97: Franklin, MA; Paul is an associate at Vision Associates of Marlboro which is owned by Drs. Ara Barsamian '92 and Debra Grossman Sleight '95. Married Hilary in May 1998. Sees Erik Weissberg '97, Jenny Cha '97, and Sharon Henderson '97, and is going to visit Jeffrey Guild '97 in Hawaii where he is currently practicing. He is on sraff at South Boston Community Health Center where he has filled in for Dr. Walter Potaznick '76.

John Galgay '98: Hyde Park, MA; John is working with Dr. Barry Kran at Attleboro Eye Assoc., P.C. in N. Attleboro, Massachusetts. Recently purchased a home.

Sean R. Kull '98: Bangor, ME; He purchased his father's, David B. Kull, O.D., private practice in Orono in February 1999.

Michael R. Marino '98: Cary, NC; Married Elana Scheiner '97 on September 5, 1997. He is practicing in a heavily therapeutic practice.

Yvonne J. Morrisey '98: Penrose, CO; Yvonne relocated from New Hampshire to Colorado in April 1999.

Planned Giving Program

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Every day the College translates this mission into action. We conduct research, provide critical clinical care, and cutting-edge academic programs to prepare the next generation of leaders in the optometric health care profession.

Over the years, the College's source of strength and promise has been found in enlightened philanthropists who have helped us sustain out mission. We hope to build upon this legacy of support by encouraging our benefactors to participate in our Planned Giving Program. These Life Income Programs offer attractive ways to suppott research, academic, scholarship, and clinical care programs. The following summary is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of just two of the life income options offered by the College. We encourage you to explore these and other planned giving options in ordet to develop a charitable giving strategy which is most advantageous to you and your family.

Pooled Income Fund

Minimum initial contribution: $5,000
Minimum addition: $1,000

This is a charitable trust in which a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or appreciated marketable property is combined with the gifts of other individuals, then invested by the College in a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds. It is similar to a mutual fund. Each donor (or beneficiary) receives a proportionate share of the annual income earned for life. The advantages are an initial income tax deduction, the bypassing of capital gains tax, a federal estate tax deduction, and savings on probate costs later. When the ttust ends, the assets come to the College for unrestricted use or for the purpose(s) the donor designates.

Charitable Gift Annuity

Minimum initial contribution $10,000: No additions — Additional annuities may be established

A charitable gift annuity is the most popular and simplest of life income agreements and may be established with a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or appreciated marketable property. It is a contract between the donor and the College, wherein the College agrees to make fixed payments for the life of the designated annuitant(s) in exchange for a contribution. The amount of the annuity payment is based on a fixed percentage of the original value of the gift and is determined by the age of the beneficiary. The donor can name up to two income beneficiaries.

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Fifth Annual Alumni Weekend

Special Topics in Ocular Therapeutics Emerging Trends in Glaucoma

Join old friends and colleagues during the Fifth Annual Alumni and Continuing Education Weekend, October 15-17, 1999 at The New England College of Optometry. On Friday evening, the College hosts reunions for the Classes of 1949, 1959, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and a first year reunion for the Class of 1998.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Center for Continuing Education is offering an interesting array of programs, presented by nationally renowned speakers. Saturday's program focuses on "Special Topics in Ocular Therapeutics" and Sunday's program is entitled "Emerging Trends in Glaucoma". The Saturday program is sponsored in part by Alcon Laboratories, Inc. and Sunday's "Emerging Trends in Glaucoma" lectures is co-sponsored by The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. The two day 12 credit course is COPE approved.

You are also welcome to spend time Saturday evening reacquainting yourself with the College as you and your guest are invited to a Special College Reception.

This year, new components to the program include an Open House Research Poster Presentation with researchers on hand for discussion, a "virtual demonstration" of the new on-line research resources through our library, and tours of the College campus. All the events are being held at the College, giving you an opportunity to tour the renovated campus and visit our new library and alumni courtyard. Bring the family to Boston and make plans now to join us at the 1999 Alumni and continuing education weekend.

Registration Information

Attend one or both days. Course registration fee does not include hotel accommodations. Please call Judy Hartogh at (888) 806-4143 to request more information or accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Friday, October 15

Reunions

7:30-9:30 pm — Reunions for the Classes of 1949, 1959, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 1998

Saturday, October 16

Special Topics in Ocular Therapeutics

6 credit hours

7:30 am — Registration/Breakfast

8:30 am — **Practical Implementation of Therapeutics In a Primary Care Optometric Practice**
Randall Brooks, OD
Private Practice, Ledgewood, New Jersey

10:30 am — Break/Visit Research Posters

11:00 am — **Recognizing, Treating, and Avoiding Allergies**
Joseph Shovlin, OD
Private Practice, Scranton, Pennsylvania

12:00 pm — **Controversies in Treating Microbial Keratitis**
Joseph Shovlin, OD

1:00 pm — Lunch

2:00 pm — **Thriving in a Primary Care Environment: Growing Your Primary Care Practice**
Randall Brooks, OD

4:00 pm — Optional
- Open House Research Poster Presentation (1 hour CE credit for MA, check with CE for individual states)
- Campus Tour
- Virtual Library Demonstration

5:00-7:00 pm — Reception

6:00 pm — Unveiling of the John E. Asarkof Portrait

Sunday, October 17

Emerging Trends in Glaucoma

Moderator: Thomas Freddo, OD, PhD

6 credit hours

7:30 am — Registration/Breakfast

8:00 am — **Glaucoma Overview and Update**
Clifford Scott, OD, MPH
Consultant, Brockton/West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Professor, New England College of Optometry

Changes in our Understanding of Aqueous Outflow
Thomas Freddo, OD, PhD
Senior Consultant in Ophthalmic Pathology
Boston University School of Medicine

10:00 am — Break

Neuroprotection Now
Joel S. Schuman, MD
Chief, Glaucoma Service, New England Eye Center
Tufts University School of Medicine

Genetics in Glaucoma
Janey Wiggs, MD
Glaucoma Service, New England Eye Center
Tufts University School of Medicine

12:00 noon — Lunch

1:00 pm — **The Secondary Open-Angle Glaucomas**
David Campbell, MD
Director, Glaucoma Service
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Diagnostic Trends In Glaucoma
Leo Semes, OD
Associate Professor,
Director of Continuing Education
University of Alabama, School of Optometry

NEWENCO reserves the right to make program changes.

Contact the Alumni Relations Office for scheduled social activities for alumni and their guests who will not be attending Continuing Education Programs Saturday morning

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